

*Votes to override Bush veto on Water Resources Development Act*

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Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11), who serves as a member of the Tra

The Water Resources Development Act, H.R. 1495, passed the House today by a vote of 361 to 54.

“It has been seven years since the Congress passed a substantive water resources bill. Such legislation

The Water Resources Development Act includes important projects for Stockton and San Joaquin Coun

“There is no question that here in San Joaquin County, water projects – both flood control and water supply – are critical to the future of the region.”

In particular for Stockton and San Joaquin County, the Water Resources Development Act authorizes:

- A \$5.5 million reimbursement for Stockton and San Joaquin County for flood-control improvements
- \$33 million for the Delta Water Supply Project, a major water infrastructure project to develop a new water supply for the Delta

In order to meet projected increases in water demand in Stockton, the Delta Water Supply Project will divert water from the Delta to the city of Stockton.

The major elements of the project include a surface water diversion facility with fish screens on the San Joaquin River, a new water treatment plant, and a new distribution system.

This WRDA bill authorizes \$23 billion for projects and studies over a 15-year period, reflecting a backlog of projects that have been authorized but not yet funded.

The Water Resources Development Act initially passed the House back in April. The Senate passed a version of the bill in June.

